

Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes, October 16, 2008 Meeting

Topic	Draft Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and Introductions Review agenda Review packet materials 	<p><u>Members present:</u> Drs. Carter, Chamblin, DeAndrea, Firestone, Friedman, Harmon, Krengle, Lang, Patz, Sullivan by conference call, and Yorioka.</p> <p>Members absent: Drs. Ploss and Bishop</p> <p><u>L&I Staff present:</u> Janet Blume, Dr. Franklin, Dr. Glass, Carole Horrell, Simone Javaher, Karen Jost, Reshma Kearney, Robert Malooly, LaVonda McCandless, Jason McGill, Dr. Mootz, Josh Morse, Sandy Mugartegui, Dr. Stockbridge</p> <p><u>Invited Presenter:</u> Dr. Judith Turner, UW</p> <p><u>Members of the Public present:</u> Dena Searce and Becky Bogard, Medtronic; Bill Alkire, Alkire & Associates; Eric Hauth, Neuromodulation Therapy Access Coalition; Bea Scott, Amy Roberts, and Debi Blakovich, Orthofix; Regine Neiders and Ryan Guppy, United Back Care; Chuck Lindley, Progressive Rehab Associates; Eric Wall MD, Qualis Health; Jeff Johnson, Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO; Dave Kaplan, Washington Self-Insurers Association; Heather Kroll, Rehabilitation Institute of Washington; William Struyk, Johnson & Johnson; Clif Finch.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve minutes from 7/10/08 mtg. 	<p>ACTION TAKEN: Minutes were approved.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Effectiveness of Spinal Cord Stimulator on Injured Workers with Failed Lumbar Surgery presented by Dr. Judith Turner 	<p>Dr. Turner presented results of spinal cord stimulator (SCS) study conducted at University of Washington. Time was allotted for Q&A.</p> <p>FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> This study and other pertinent literature will be presented to the IIMAC at a future meeting. IIMAC will address SCS in terms of advising L&I regarding coverage. For next meeting, IIMAC will allow for presentation of additional information. Other interested parties may participate. For meeting after next, a formal decision may be made for L&I.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from Upper Extremity Entrapment Neuropathy Subcommittee presented by Dr. Dianna Chamblin 	<p>Dr. Chamblin reported on the accomplishments of the IIMAC subcommittee on upper extremity entrapment disorders and presented the draft CTS guideline for IIMAC review. Time was allotted for Q&A (see below). The IIMAC plans to submit the guideline, when completed, to the National Guideline Clearinghouse.</p> <p>FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> IIMAC members will review CTS guideline and email comments to Simone Javaher at L&I by 10/28/08. Draft will be posted on IIMAC web pages by 11/3/08. Additional input from other clinical groups and individuals would be welcome. Written comments received by 12/1/08 may be incorporated into final draft Final draft of CTS guideline will be presented to IIMAC members and the public at January 22, 2009 meeting. <p>Next subcommittee topic is Pronator Teres Syndrome (PTS). Reshma Kearney will begin literature review. A presenter experienced in PTS surgery has been invited to address subcommittee on November 19.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMA Impairment Rating Guide (5th & 6th ed) presented by Dr. Hal Stockbridge 	<p>Dr. Stockbridge announced that the 5th Edition AMA Guidelines will continue to be used until further notice. IIMAC providers were asked to add their names to the IME and general medical provider listserves if they have not already done so. Update was given about workers' compensation course for primary care providers. Course will be held in Spokane on November 14 and in SeaTac on November 15 and 16.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QST & PSSD presented by Josh Morse 	<p>Josh Morse presented a literature search and review for technology assessment on Quantitative Sensory Testing. and Pressure Specified Sensory Devices. Time was allotted for Q&A.</p> <p>FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with IIMAC members in finalizing QST presentation 2. Josh will present updated technology assessment in January. He will review literature findings in more detail including evidence grading for each study. 3. Josh will include evidence grading for January meeting/review of QST tech assessment.(copied from above) 4. The IIMAC meeting in January will give advisory decision on QST.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HTA/HTCC Decisions on Implantable Infusion Pumps & Knee Arthroscopy presented by Dr. Lee Glass 	<p>Dr. Glass presented the decision results for Implantable Infusion Pumps and Knee Arthroscopy. He began with a brief background of HTA. The infusion pump decision is in draft form, but open to public comment. Pumps will not be a covered benefit based on review of literature. The final decision is being put off to the HTA Nov meeting (originally set for October 17 HTA Clinical Committee meeting).</p> <p>Recommendation is to not cover knee arthroscopy (lavage and debridement) for osteoarthritis. No advantages were observed over placebo treatment.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIMP Program presented by Simone Javaher 	<p>Simone Javaher presented an update on the Agency Medical Directors' Group (AMDG) effort to develop a Structured Intensive Multidisciplinary Program (SIMP) for fusion clients in response to the Health Technology Assessment program's fusion decision last year. A draft pain management policy was developed with input from all three agencies and was circulated among the 7 pain clinic providers who currently provide chronic pain management services to L&I clients. Simone has met with 4 of the 7 clinics and plans to meet with the others next week. The AMDG group has formed workgroups to address conditions for coverage of fusion and SIMPS, reimbursement, and a patient decision aide.</p> <p>A meeting is being arranged for chronic pain management providers, clinicians, researchers, and interested IIMAC members for early December in the Seattle-Tacoma area. IIMAC members interested in this topic are encouraged to attend, but they would not be acting as IIMAC advisors to L&I at this meeting. Because it will be an interagency meeting, they would participate as interested persons providing input to all three agencies (and is therefore not reimbursable).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IIMAC Web Pages 	<p>IIMAC Web Pages are now live on the L&I website. Copies of pages were included in the packets for review.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opioid Dosing Guideline Update presented by Dr. Gary Franklin 	<p>The agency Medical Director's Group, as part of the evaluation of the AMDG Opioid Dosing Guideline, will conduct a survey of WA physicians experience with the guideline. IIMAC members were invited to offer their input and complete the survey. Dr. Franklin's goal is to have 200-300 respondents. The purpose of this survey is to better inform the State agencies whether to change/enhance current dosing guideline.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cauda Equina Guideline Review and Update presented by Dr. Robert Lang 	<p>Dr. Lang provided medical background for Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES) along with a proposed guideline he created based on an evidence-based literature review. He invited IIMAC members for their feedback and discussion.</p> <p>FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A more concise case definition for CES will be drafted.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Wrap-up, review next full committee and subcommittee plans	<p>Dr. Lang asked IIMAC members to complete the 1-year anniversary survey (provided in the packets).</p> <p>FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION (next meeting):</p> <p>For final review and decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Carpal Tunnel Syndrome Guideline2. Quantitative Sensory Testing Coverage Policy3. Cauda Equina Syndrome Guideline <p>For presentation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pronator Teres Syndrome Guideline <p>For discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chronic pain subcommittee will create a work plan for 2009 <p>Next meeting for IIMAC is on January 22, 2009. Next meeting for Subcommittee on Upper Extremity Entrapment Neuropathies is on November 19, 2008.</p>